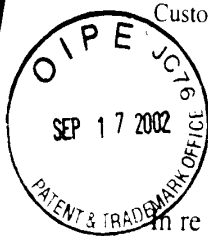


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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

These references were cited in a European Search Report dated July 5, 2002. No further elaboration is believed necessary. Copies of the cited art are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a).

AUTHORIZATION

Further, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of the first Office Action, therefore it is believed that no additional fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this submission, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-2036.

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